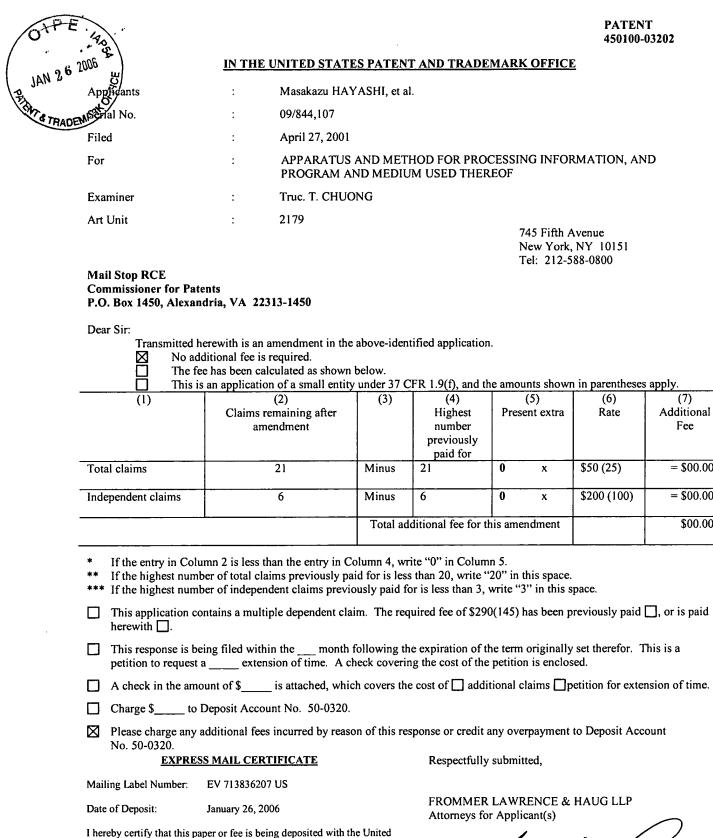
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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 2, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on February 2, 2006, Applicants

respectfully submit herewith a Request for Continued Examiner (RCE) and a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.